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Interview Summary

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Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)□ Video Conference c)□ Personal [copy given to: 1)□ applicant 2	2) applicant's representative]					
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes If Yes, brief description:	e)⊠ No.						
Claim(s) discussed: <u>1-12</u> .							
Identification of prior art discussed: Morikawa.							
Agreement with respect to the claims f)⊠ was reached. g)□ was not reached. h)□ N	/A.					
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)							
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the idea of the intermediary sorted set. Also discussed the possibility of claiming the initial and/or return region as active sorting regions which products are moved to and from during the sorting. Further discussed the possibility of including at least 2 intermediary sorted sets to overcome the Morikawa reference. Additionally discussed claiming the order of products in the intermediary sorted set. Proposed claim language may be faxed to the examiner for review prior to submission of the amendment.